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THE NATIVE VALE.

Down in a vale of purest green,
Where sunset sings and lovers play,
Where flowers grow and flowers were seen,
To deck the lonely traveller's way:

Just as the dawn begins to rise,
And day was chased by misty night,
A bright like form from chaos arose,
Of gentle mien and aspect bland.

With light and airy step it paced,
Beneath a tall and rounding oak,
Where, as a mask, a cowl was placed,
To which the following spoke.

"Hark! I the concerted vale,
Where peace and happiness abound,
Where grief is not—being is not a wish,
Where holding flowers shed fragrance round!

"This is the tenant resting place,
Here they shall live and here shall be,
Here birds, who've run an earthly race,
Fly over sea and unwieldy sky.

"A few in number, but not many,
That here no mental sin remain,
Unless a bride that married money,
Or one connected for the like."

The youth replied, with accent sweet,
"I will within this vale reside,
Will now with you my office greet,
And from the nine will choose a bride."

The fairy moved her slender wand,
And one by one, advancing slow,
Five lovely brides before him stand,
Of perfect shape and white as snow.

As those nine forms did meet his eye,
The youth did stand, and stood,
Each form in beauty seem'd to vie,
And flatter grew the scene he gat'd.

The fairy then in time to rhyme,
He quickly view'd their various charms,
Then hasten'd to the portioned mine,
And chosen one to be his closing arm.

"Be this the object of my choice,
Be this the maid he cried;
Thou art Selina, mother tongue,
"Be this my own, my lovely bride."

The sister nymes raise a song,
To celebrate the nuptial feast,
The youthful pair are borne along,
To each adieu a plate of rose.

Just as they entered lonely grove,
Where no disturbance could be fear'd,
While talking o'er their holy love,
The spirits of them vanish appeared.

"Moral?" is asking soul;
"Do not thy lovely bride alone,
The beauties of new realm,
Was 'twixt the mortal and the muse?"

It said, and paus'd like air away:
The song was my splendor alone,
And since that happy, happy day,
The youth and muse are ever one!

H. H. S.

Elkton, April 1, 1833.

Written for the Saturday Evening Post.

LOUISIANA.

The extremely interesting State of Louisiana now sets so many striking points of character, that we shall have great difficulty in confining our subject within our limits, and most necessarily omit some curious particulars, for which we refer our readers to the many works which have been quoted, to whom as heretofore, we must acknowledge ourselves indebted.

This State is in length 240 miles, and in breadth about 200. Since the Spanish government in 1785 the population little exceeded 27,000. In 1810, the number was 76,057; but more than doubled between 1810 and 1830; an extraordinary ratio, but by no means equal to that of some of the Western States. Its present population, in New Orleans, for a great commercial city, is likely to be 150,000 souls by the year 1840, of which a glance at the map will abundantly testify. Taking the length of all the windings of the Mississippi which are navigable, it is within bounds to say, the aggregate would exceed 2000 miles; and the length through rivers pass through the most fertile soils, boundless prairies, fertile bottoms, numerous growing commercial towns and seven governments, and through such a variety of climates that the products of every region are within the reach of the port. It is in fact as if she had 20,000 miles of navigable canal all centering in her bosom.

Probably no State in the Union has a greater body of first rate land, though much of it is at present covered with a heavy forest, forbidding forth new settlements. A proper commencement effort of all the slaves in the State is applied to draining and installing this vast dismal and noxious swamp, would result in the most valuable agricultural district in the world, and also render its commercial city healthy. As the most extensive and valuable of its kind will be taken, when the effects produced will equal the magic of the Arabian Nights. The rich grain crops which present advantage is making rapid strides with its power, and as we have stated, already a dense population.

Generally speaking, Louisiana is one immense plain, divided into pine woods, prairies, alluvians, swamps, and hickory and oak lands. A large proportion of the latter is without any elevation, even sufficient to be called a hill. The pecans, near the gulf, are low, marshy, and in many wet weather inundated; many of them having a cold clay soil, while others are of inky black soil, and are subject to be overflowed. Instances of a use to submit a man's arm. The bottoms are rich, particularly those of the Mississippi and Red River, the fertility of which is sufficiently attested by the prodigious crops of sugar, rice, the luxuriant growth of cane and cotton, and the strength of vegetation in general. A fog rose and a stench arose from the banks of the Mississippi, which were larger than a man's body.

The levee, or embankment of the river, for 40 miles below New Orleans, and 150 miles above; it is more than 20 feet high, and well calculated to form a fine railway. By it the water is prevented from spreading over the cultivated land in the rear, and it is the only part in which it is believed that no part of the world can furnish a parallel case. The levee exhibits something higher on the west than the east side of the river. Here resides the wealth of the Union exhibits a greater amount of business under cultivation, worked by gangs of slaves. Attakapas and Opelousas are the great cane and lily and celebrated for its produce of sugar. Apparently the most valuable, this district also secures the richest cotton land in Louisiana.

The extraordinary fertility of the Mississippi and Red River is well known, and this section is called the paradise of cotton planters. The soil is red, and impregnated with a rich alluvial mud, which it decrees moisture and fertility. Its soil is the same as that which forms the rich grain crops of the Mexican Mountains, and the prairies above through which it runs, and is of a dark and heavy formation.

Wheat and rye do not flourish in Louisiana, upland is the only soil adapted to the cultivation. Barley and oats succeed well; Indian corn is planted as a staple article, but proves a precarious crop, being rusted forward by the heat too rapidly to attain firmness—the middle States have a climate more favorable to its growth. Sweet potatoes have been known to attain the weight of nine pounds. Peas and beans of a different species from that we cultivate, is the favourite food of the blacks, and found on all tables. Irish potatoes are more difficult to cultivate, and when taken out of the ground do not keep; nearly all the northern fruits come to perfection, with the exception of apples, while figs grow almost spontaneously, and precious to much, orange along the whole shore of the gulf, were as abundant as apples in Chester county, and laid under the trees as plentifully for the hogs, or to rot. That winter a severe frost destroyed the trees to the roots, from which they have however again shot up, and in some places again promise well. The lime and the lemon will do denial, be something extensively cultivated in the environs, and will the sea-plant. Rice and tobacco are raised, but cotton and sugar have been found so productive and bring such certain returns, that the attention of the people has been but little awakened to trying experiments. Indigo formerly much cultivated, is now very much abandoned, not only here, but in other States.

Louisiana produces an average annual crop of more than 100,000 hogsheads of sugar, and 1,500,000 gallons of molasses; no cultivation in America yields such a rich harvest as the sugar cane, which is not liable to the diseases either of indigo or cotton. One of the great desiderations on a sugar plantation is to have a fresh water, the boiling being the only nice process, the skim who arrives at a knowledge of the business, and is made principal boiler, is a person of as much consideration among his fellows, and as important in his own eyes, as the President, and very commonly takes the same liberty of patting his subordinates on the back. If a boiler's son is a good rising horse, very probably sends to our great Philadelphia to have his education, and except in the boiling season is as lazy and ignorant as a negro child.

Louisiana contains more slaves in proportion to its population than any other state in the Union, and consequently more limits do not prevail. The mild and humane treatment has been substituted, they confidently, and, probably, with reason, form an interesting one to know what will be the ultimate result. The great cotton plantations have three or four hundred acres in one enclosure, in which twenty or more ploughs may be seen making three straight furrows a mile in length, and appraising regularity, through fields as level as a garden.

The prairie land of Louisiana is of great extent, bounded by the Mississippi, which bounded the general name of Attakapas, are the first which occur west of the Mississippi, and the traveller emerging from the forest finds himself in a noble and cheerful plain, and feels the cool and salubrious air of the prairie. Long before you spread out like a map is an immense tract of beautiful country, containing 10,000 square miles, inhabitants all situating by agriculture. In others, the occupation of the people is that of shepherds, who number their cattle by thousands. These prairies have a gentle and imperceptible slope to the waters of the gulf, and every where furnish in wet marshes, occasionally overflowed, and covered with a rank growth of cane, in which reside multitudes of animals whose habits and customs have been little examined. In some parts of these prairies there are mounds at intervals of timber lands, which look as if planted out by the hand of man, and are called islands. Around the Opelousas prairie little cotton is raised, the people preferring to buy their cotton, bread and sheep all which find a market at New Orleans. Some years since there were of this region, numbered more than 15,000 head of horned cattle, and 2,000 horses and mules. It is the Arcadia of the country, where simplicity and good feelings reign predominant.

New Orleans is thus accurately described would fill a good sized newspaper—we can only glance at its most prominent features. It is on the west shore of the Mississippi, in a deep and crescent bend, 105 miles from the Balize by the meanders of the river, and 95 in a direct line. It contains 1,000 miles below the mouth of the Ohio, and 1,300 below the mouth of the Missouri. It is about intermediate between Mexico and Boston, though the course of the river renders it a good deal nearer to the former than the latter. The most important advantages this city possesses is a commercial point of view, are unrivalled in extent and value. The Mississippi, from the sea, and yet well situated for defence. It has probably a better harbor for the large ocean navigation above it as any other city on the globe. Vessels can lie in the river with perfect safety. The city was formerly built of wood, but is now constructed of brick, since the yellow fever of 1822, which presents the appearance of a French or Spanish town, rather than an American city. The streets are wide, and the houses, differs little from our other Atlantic cities. The population is nearly equally divided, 46,000 by 139, covered with hollow tiles, and supported by columns (which is an imposing feature); at the niches and recesses are the figures of saints, in appropriate dresses after the fashion of Catholic countries, and in the upper part of the building, which is the very centre of business, the stones are laid in finely wrought mosaic pavements, surrounded by Levee street, and in rattle of carriages and the hum of business, more stirring, and at least sleep beneath your feet; you are in the midst of life, and yet there reigns here a perpetual tranquility. The Presbyterian church is of brick, and a handsome building; an Episcopal and Methodist church, and a Jewish synagogue for worship are the remaining conspicuous religious edifices. The French Catholics externally is by no means handsome, though the interior a ornamental. The American Theatre is in better style than any other in the Union, except that of Boniface upon the passer by. A charity hospital, which is in high repute, is open to all strangers, has probably sheltered more misery and children, and consequently more relief.

The college is well endowed, but not yet eminent for its learning. A convent of Ursiline nuns, under the direction of the Catholics, for the rudiments of learning. The Female Orphan Asylum, under the direction of the Protestant Episcopal Society, and several other respectable institutions of learning. The Jesuit's College is not neglected. A Library for the poorer classes has recently been opened, but the Public Library, which is open to all, is the best. The Athenæum, near the gulf, are low, marshy, and in many weather inundated; many of them having a cold clay soil, while others are of inky black soil, and are subject to be overflowed. Instances of a use to submit a man's arm. The bottoms are rich, particularly those of the Mississippi and Red River, the fertility of which is sufficiently attested by the prodigious crops of sugar, rice, the luxuriant growth of cane and cotton, and the strength of vegetation in general. A fog rose and a stench arose from the banks of the Mississippi, which were larger than a man's body.

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FOREIGN VARIETIES.

A MAN THAN STARVE RATHER OF STEALING.—It is one thing to write a good speech, and another to speak one. This Lord was thundered a few years since at a neighboring constituency, and a number of persons severely hurt received an unwitting dose of lead with a splendid "go" over the head, through the ears of the Aristocrat. The day of course came on, when the prisoner was to be put to the bar, and to the dock, and find purposed a splendid solution to rescue Sardis. The Judge's presence was announced, and he was to be unimpeachable; the troops were drawn out in a line, all eyes were turned upon the Judge's entrance, who advanced towards the soldiers, holding the glistening gift in his hand, and the Colonel called out the word of address of the giver. All men were intent to hear the speech and reply. The Judge's lips were moved, and he had proved a treacherous guardian of her treasure. The Colonel approached, thanked him and received the donation, but all his speech was, "Colonel, there's the key and here's the sword." Everybody observe to ply, "Aye, is that the jug?—footmen.

Night and Day. Telegraphs in France.—A paper has been laid before the Academy of Sciences by a savant, (Messrs. Foucault and Col) for improving the electric communications to such an extent, that the light will be able to transmit intelligence an immense distance at any moment of the night or day. The plan has been already calculated for the conveyance of commercial intelligence. A million of francs will be allotted according to the conqueror's calculation, to establish a full correspondence by the electric telegraph with the following places: Havre, Calais, Lille, Strasbourg, Marseilles, Bordeaux, and Nantes. The annual expenses they calculated at 300,000 francs, but the projector assures would not exceed 100,000.

Four men of mutton.—A leg of mutton, in the last stage of emigration, is sometimes (in Scotland) dwelled, or otherwise prepared for the table, and is then called the familiar title of "a poor man or mutton," or more briefly "a poor man." It is called by the Frenchmen in his Dictionary, that a Scotch nobleman starving in Paris or London, after a long journey, was met by one of his landlord what he would please to have, answered with a yawn, "I dare say I could eat a bit of a poor man." "A bit of what?" inquired the landlord. "Why, of a poor man," was the reply. "Stop. "The Lord have care of my poor soul!" cried the landlord, and ran down to the cellar and told the man to the bottom; nor could he be prevailed upon, till the plaintiff was explained to him, and Sandman's value, to make his appearance again in the parlour.

An action was tried last week at the Lincoln assizes brought by Mr. Hopkins, the well known Lincoln land, against a farmer named Gee, for trespassing on his grounds, in which the Champion obtained one farthing damages!

Eighty Years and Inhabitants of Britain.—According to the Welsh Triads, the people of Wales and Britain was known was *Gint Brython*, the son-descended green race. Such is the account that they have been prophesied. The Bee no defends no people who cannot defend themselves. It was a saying of the lasting that Wellington, the great poet of his age, poured forth a lofty strain, when, after a long and weary year labour towards the coast of France, and the "the spur of victory" which appeared to be in his own day; for there is scarcely a section of the country which does not contain the name of some one of the inhabitants of Great Britain were a martyrs people, a branch of those whom the Romans called the Silures and the Lucius Cuitel; a nation which the Caledonian, or, more properly, the Cymry, who are in the same tongue to this day. According to tradition, which there is no cause for impugning, the Silures were left on the Summer country, but by way of the Holy of Germain ocean.—*London Literary Gazette.*

Patronage in India.—East India patronage is exercised solely in the crown, partly in the directors, and partly in the Governor and Council of each presidency selection. The Board of Control has legally no share in the distribution of Indian patronage; though it exercises, the President of the Board, by an arrangement with the Court of Directors, has a right to name to one of one of the chiefs, or double that of a director. The patronage exercised in India amounts to a very large share of the whole; but the distribution of it is carried on by the presidency sent home, and it is liable to be frequently scrutinized by the Court of Proprietors. Patronage is regulated on the principle of seniority at the Indies, and by merit at home. Whether it is better that merit, as particular exigences may require; but it is generally considered to be a principle which should be confined to individuals within the presidency. No public responsibility attaches to the act of appointment. Directors; nor do the votes prescribed operate upon the exercise of it any more than the mere fact of their obtaining competent persons operates upon the disposal of the patronage in government at home and abroad. The amount of patronage is necessarily fluctuating, but being regulated by the number of the civil servants, arising from casualties or other causes. The number of the civil servants in the Bengal presidency is calculated at 1,100 or 1,350. In the event of the patronage being taken away from the Court of Directors, a pecuniary compensation has been suggested.

Increase of Slavery in Cuba.—Mr. Macgregor, of Glasgow, who has been making the tour of the Brazils and Prince, West Indies, and the United States, the Editor of the Glasgow Courier, that "Cuba is increasing in wealth and prosperity beyond all the rest of the islands." says he, "most valuable returns of that island, and also Puerto Rico. The exports of Cuba, in 1836 only, exported in 1836, was in round numbers, 1,000,000 hhds. and the duties paid on the importation, by corporations, was in (1828 and 1829) two years, 770,000 Puro Rico is equally thriving and improving. An immense African slave trade is carried on through the island of St. Thomas's to supply the wants of the Cuba with Africans. Ten, and even twelve, African slaves ships there be seen in the harbour of St. Thomas's together, taking their African cargoes, and frequently waiting the arrival of ships from the coast of Africa Cuba with the articles which are necessary to complete.

The Dauphiness, of Grenoble, gives the following account of a murder and the subsequent execution exposure of one of the intended victims: "On the night of Near Moirans, between eleven and twelve o'clock, Bonemazin, accompanied by his daughter, left the young girl, was attacked by three robbers. While the first was executing with the knife the crime for which he is condemned, the second, and to himself, in hopes of meeting with something to steal, he thought he heard a noise behind him, and turned round to see a woman, to whom also related the fact, and screamed to her husband to come to her assistance. At the cry of her of her father. It was, however, night; the woman heard the first blow struck on her husband's head, and the knife prevailed upon her to lie down on a wretched bed. A short time afterwards the girl heard the cries of her husband her father entered, and the girl being still awake, heard them arranging the bodies in the room, and the poor child, and it was accordingly lighted—throughout of the house, and the door which was in front of the house, and the door which was in front of the house, and the door which was in front

THE MARKETS.

Carefully corrected for this paper.

WHEAT FLOUR, per bbl from wagons,	$5 56
WHEAT, per bushel,	1 05
RYE, do.	60
CORN, do.	50
CORN MEAL, per bushel,	50
OATS, do.	30
BARLEY, do.	60
BARLEY MEAL, do.	60
BUCKWHEAT, do.	50
POTATOES, do.	25
do. per gallon, in bbls.	30
COTTON, per lb. in bales,	12
BUTTER, No. 1, in tubs, per lb.	11
do. in firkins,	10
SALT, Ground, per bushel,	50
LARD, per lb.	8
LARD OIL, do.	75
TALLOW, do.	6
CANDLES, per lb.	8
SPERM OIL, per gal.	90
WHALE OIL, do.	40
BREAM, do.	30
FEATHERS, do.	10
COMMON WOOL, washed	20 to 25
RIDES, Dry Salted, per lb.	06 to 07
LEATHER, Sole, per lb.	20 to 22
LUMBER, Pine boards, per 1000 ft.	21 to 30
Yellow Pine,	12 to 15
Shingles, per 1000,	2 50
Clapboards, do.	6 00
Scantling, do.	8 00
Salmon,	12

Sales of Stocks, at the Philadelphia Stock and Exchange Board.

Par		Price
$400	City, 5 per cent.	100
1978	Lehigh 6 per cent.	1045 1100
1000	do. do.	1040 1045
300	do. do.	1040 1050
1200	Chesapeake Canal, 6 per ct.	1040 1045
100	do. do.	1027 1034
100	Susquehanna, 6 per cent.	1034 1037
200	do. do.	1034 1037
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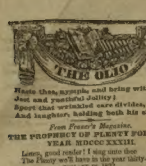

Receive them, reprove, and bring with them
Just and perfect notions of civilities,
Expert that wrinkle of care divinities,
And laughter, holding both his sides.

From Fraser's Magazine.

THE PROPHECY OF PLENTY FOR THE YEAR MDCCC LXXIII.

Listen, good reader! I sing unto thee
The Plenty we have in our thirty-three!

ENGLAND IN 1873.

Plenty of changes, and fill for the worse,
Plenty of blessings exchanged for one curse;
Plenty of bankers and plenty of rich,
Plenty of liberty, all on one side,
Plenty of taxation, from alcohol to salt,
Plenty of Poverty, great lack of gold;
Plenty of prudence and nothing to hoard,
Plenty of progress all going for board;
Plenty of duns in a handful of sixpence,
Plenty of tongues that sing to please,
Plenty of Atheists and plenty of Turks,
Plenty of shoddy in home and abroad;
Plenty of shares in Trustees' pockets,
Plenty of pensioners heading a list;
Plenty of newspapers reviving the mine,
Plenty of readers to think it all fine.

Plenty of projects with misery fraught,
Plenty of talk by the pitiful orators taught;
Plenty of Quakery—still in the wrong,
Plenty of humming, the cannot be hung;
Plenty of lawyers, "learn'd and keen,"
Plenty of subscribers to swell the fund;
Plenty of Noblemen swamping the peers,
Plenty of Commoners set by the ears;
Plenty of gentlemen earning their shoulds,
Plenty of workers requiring their wages;
Plenty of rogues with it all their own way,
Plenty of honest men shifting for aye;
Plenty of Whigs to send England to ruin,
Plenty of Tories to let them be done!

Plenty of meddling without a purpose,
Plenty of war that is all for "offence;"
Plenty of misers that tottering wo,
Plenty of charities with notice to spit.
Plenty of secrecy, just to discover,
Plenty of rats undermining the Tyrean;
Plenty ready to work, mischief and sorrow,
Plenty to vote a republic to-morrow.

Counsellor Downing—Counsellor Downing was cross-examining an old woman. "Now, my good woman, is a case of assault, supposing the identity of the defendant." "Why, a tall man." "Yes, but I mean, as I said, much about the size of your husband." "Was he well looked?" "Not very; pretty fair." "Did he speak?" "Did he speak?" "A little; but not so much as your husband."

A wag named out a caller in South Market street, Albany, and inquired the price of Oranges. "One cent a piece wholesale, and sixpence retail." "Then if you please, let me mend mine throwing a cent upon the counter; I'll take that fine plump fellow at wholesale."

General Washington's Motto.—In 1817, in a debate in the house of Delegates, on the subject of a state of Virginia, in which something was said of military titles, Mr. Mercer (a relative of the general and author of General Washington, which he had received from a member of the Convention) said that in the Convention of the United States, the subject of society in its given the Cincinnati, where in a standing army, was on the rents. A member made a motion that Congress should have the power of a standing army not exceeding five thousand at any one time. Gen. Washington, who, being chairman, could not offer a motion, whispered to a member from Maryland, to second the motion, by proposing that no troops or any should invade the United States at any one time, with more than three thousand troops.

James Conner—The man, who is one of the ringleaders of the Nullification party in South Carolina, is an Englishman by birth, was formerly a resident of Pennsylvania, and was engaged in the whiskey insurrection of this State. He is now President of South Carolina College. A Columbia, S.C. correspondent of one of the Boston papers, gives the following description of him; and as easy add from our personal knowledge of the Judge, that he speaks with a broad Irish brogue of Scotch we wished to look upon: his head round and bald like a pumpkin, and his face about as expressive as a midsummer squash; tiaras in downtrust hat, but he must be an exception to the general rule of physiognomy.

"He is just the oddest sight that ever was; an accurate description of him would be a burlesque on humanity; short legs, sweeping, bunny whisk tail, long arms and waving as old willow for him. His nose a small, round, pulpy knob, and there about no expression to it whatever, except it be down upon Maryland, to second the motion, by proposing that no troops or any should invade the United States at any one time, with more than three thousand troops.

*Jesse Coffee